

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF WEST VIRGINIA

VINCENT C. RICKERT,

Plaintiff,

v.

CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:07CV122  
(Judge Keeley)

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL  
SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

Defendant.

**ORDER ADOPTING MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S  
REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION**

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1)(B), Rule 72(b), Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Local Court Rule 4.01(d), on September 13, 2007, the Court referred this Social Security action to United States Magistrate John S. Kaul with directions to submit proposed findings of fact and a recommendation for disposition. On February 21, 2008, Magistrate Kaul filed his Report and Recommendation and directed the parties, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §636(b)(1) and Rule 6(e), Fed. R. Civ. P., to file any written objections with the Clerk of Court within ten (10) days after being served with a copy of the Report and Recommendation. As of March 21, 2008, the parties had not filed any objections.

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Upon consideration of Magistrate Judge Kaul's recommendation and having received no written objections,<sup>1</sup> the Court adopts the Report and Recommendation. Therefore, it is

**ORDERED** that Magistrate Judge Kaul's Report and Recommendation be accepted in whole and that this civil action be disposed of in accordance with the recommendation of the Magistrate. Accordingly,

1. the defendant's motion for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 11) is **GRANTED**;
2. the plaintiff's motion for Summary Judgment (Docket No. 10) is **DENIED**; and
3. this civil action is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE** and **RETIRED** from the docket of this Court.

The Clerk of Court is directed to enter a separate judgment order. Fed.R.Civ.P. 58.

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<sup>1</sup> Rickert's failure to object to the Report and Recommendation not only waives his appellate rights in this matter, but also relieves the Court of any obligation to conduct a *de novo* review of the issues presented. See Wells v. Shriners Hospital, 109 F.3d 198, 199-200 (4<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1997); Thomas v. Arn, 474 U.S. 140, 148-153 (1985).

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The Clerk of the Court is directed to transmit copies of this Order to counsel of record.

DATED: March 26, 2008

/s/ Irene M. Keeley  
IRENE M. KEELEY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE